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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE CASE

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOW-  
ING PRESSRELEASE:

BEGIN QUOTE:

2. ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN B. BELL ANNOUNCED TODAY  
THAT RONALD LOUIS HUMPHREY, 42, OF VIRGINIA, A UNITED  
STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA) EMPLOYEE, AND TRUONG  
DINH HUNG, 32, OF WASHINGTON, D. C., A VIETNAMESE  
NATIONAL, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY FBI AGENTS AND CHARGED  
WITH ESPIONAGE AND RELATED CRIMES.

3. A GRAND JURY IN ALEXANDRIA IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
VIRGINIA EARLIER TODAY RETURNED A SEVEN-COUNT INDICTMENT  
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WHICH WAS SEALED PENDING THE ARRESTS OF THE DEFENDANTS.  
THE INDICTMENT CHARGES THAT, BEGINNING IN 1976, HUMPHREY  
OBTAINED CLASSIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS IN  
THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AT USIA AND PERIODICALLY  
DELIVERED THEM TO HUNG AT MEETINGS IN THE WASHINGTON,  
D.C. AREA. HUNG WOULD THEN DIRECT DELIVERY OF THE  
COMMUNICATIONS TO SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV)

REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS, FRANCE THROUGH COURIERS.

4. NAMED IN THE INDICTMENT AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS ARE HUYNH TRUNG DONG, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE IN FRANCE (AVF) IN PARIS, FRANCE; NGUYEN AN HUYNH, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HANOI, SRV; NGUYEN NGOC GIAO, AN OFFICIAL OF THE AVF IN PARIS, FRANCE; PHAN THANH NAM, AN OFFICIAL IN THE SRV EMBASSY IN PARIS, FRANCE; AND DINH BA THI, CHIEF OF THE SRV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

5. HUMPHREY IS A NATIVE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND HOLDS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY USIA SINCE 1961, HAS DONE TOURS OF DUTY FOR USIA IN WEST GERMANY (1967-68, 1971) AND SOUTH VIETNAM (1969-71), AND IS PRESENTLY A FOREIGN SERVICE INFORMATION OFFICER (LEVEL 4) AT USIA.

6. HUNG WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1964 TO STUDY ECONOMICS AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, FROM WHICH HE GRADUATED IN 1968 WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT THE ANIMAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, 1717 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN.  
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HUNG IS SINGLE AND RESIDES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

7. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UPON CONVICTION IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

8. THE INDICTMENT AND ARRESTS RESULTED FROM A TWO-YEAR INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI. THAT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

9. ONCE IT BECAME KNOWN THAT STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS WERE INVOLVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE USIA TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESSES AND DOCUMENTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION. END QUOTE.

10. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT OF THIS CASE. ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS CAN BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON.

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